

GUCP Goals

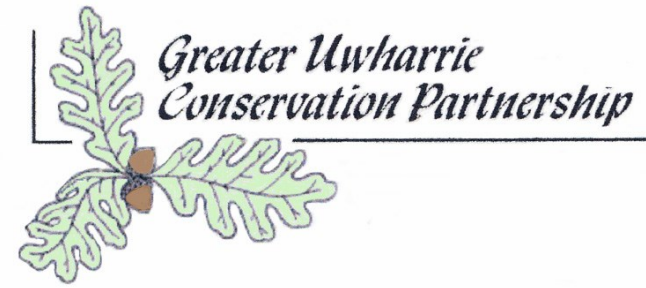
- Prioritize and guide on-the-ground conservation efforts
- Explore the best options for preserving important conservation areas
- Enhance communication among partners to be more effective in regional conservation efforts
- Create a network of conservation lands by promoting landscape corridors and buffers
- Offer educational and outreach opportunities to residents, landowners, and local governments
- Encourage policies that maintain and enhance our important natural areas



Partners



Greater Uwharrie
Conservation Partnership
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*Working together for the long-term
conservation and restoration of
natural landscapes, plants and
animals of the Uwharrie Region,
located in the heart of North
Carolina's Piedmont.*

GUCP Mission

The Greater Uwharrie Conservation Partnership initially formed as a communication forum for conservation agencies working in this unique natural area to increase the efficiency of our efforts. Since then, our mission has expanded to include outreach to landowners and local leaders to provide information on conservation priorities and the many programs available to enhance and preserve these important natural resources.

We realize that good conservation is promoting smart growth, while maintaining the special natural features of our rural landscapes that allow us to retain our sense of place and maintain our high quality of life.

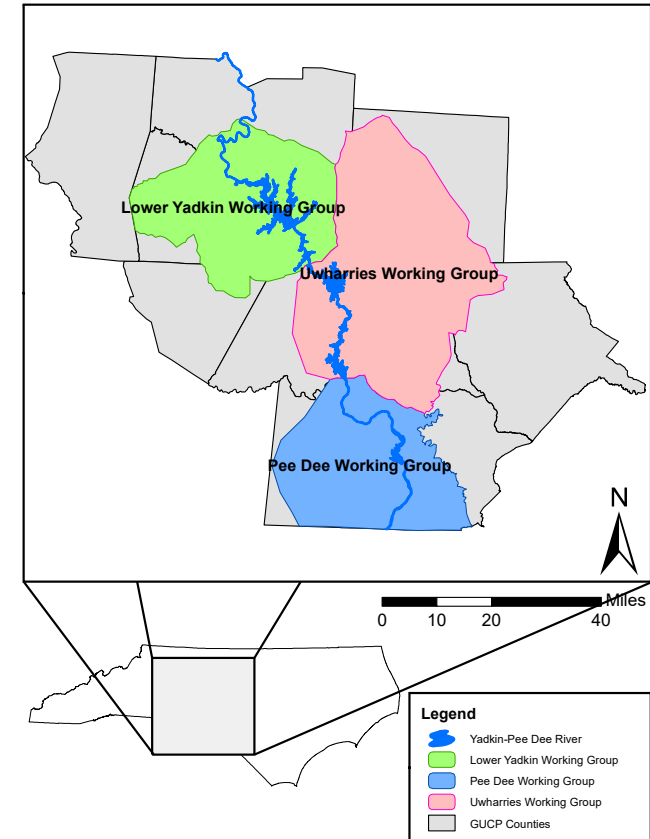


What the Uwharrie Region has to offer:

- Oldest mountain range in North America, offering spectacular views
- Pristine streams and outstanding water resources
- Unique and rare plants, animals and natural communities
- Home to the 50,000 acre Uwharrie National Forest
- Recreational opportunities including hiking, kayaking, mountain biking, fishing, hunting, camping, and more
- Historical and archeological importance, including Native American, early colonial, and civil war sites
- Located within 1-2 hours drive of Charlotte, the Triad, and the Triangle



GUCP Focus Areas



Through GUCP, interested landowners can find the most appropriate agency to meet their conservation goals.

Strategies to achieve those goals might include habitat enhancement, ecosystem restoration, conservation easements, management agreements, land management planning, and other forms of conservation. Many of these strategies also offer significant financial and/or tax incentives to landowners.